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Summary

Tommy has always loved Steve.

Notes

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The first time Tommy kisses Steve they're thirteen. Tommy tells Steve they should practice kissing because they haven't had their first ones yet, but really it's because he's jealous, he's jealous Steve asked Tina to the dance and since then she has been raving about planting one on Steve at the dance. After a few pecks the boys laugh, Steve's first kiss is Tommy, so he isn't mad when he sees Tina give Steve a quick peck whilst they dance together awkwardly swaying to the bad music at the school dance. Tommy never mentions that he kissed Carol a week prior to his shared kiss with Steve.

The second time Tommy kisses Steve the two are drunk. Carol had flaked last minute saying something about her family visiting and no being to escape the family gathering even for a night, the two boys sneak into Richard Harrington's office stealing a random bottle from the alcohol cabinet. They two end up in the Harrington backyard taking large swings straight from the bottle, Tommy doesn't remember how it started but the two end up roughhousing on the grass, maybe it was because he was poking fun at Steve's crush on Nancy Wheeler or maybe because he had run his hands through Steve's hair messing up but whatever the cause of it he ends up pinned down on the grass by the other boy. Steve smirks down at the freckled boy in victory.

Tommy can't stop looking at his best friend's lips, during the tussling he couldn't tear his eyes away. He leans up and kisses Steve, tasting the alcohol on his lips. Steve pulls away looking down at Tommy trying to read his face before returning the kiss and then another, until the two are rolling around on the grass, kissing and grasping at each other in drunken haze. After a few minutes the two pull apart then laying side by side and looking up at the stars, after a few minutes of silence Tommy turns over to look at Steve hearing the other teen retching into the grass. Tommy sighs and gets up to pull the hair out of Steve's face. Tommy cries silently in the guest room that night knowing that Steve wouldn't remember the two kissing.

The third time Tommy kisses Steve is after he tells him Nancy Wheeler is cheating on him with Jonathan Byers. Steve climbs through his window, tears threatening to fall from his eyes, Tommy hugs him after Steve tells him what he saw, when they retract Tommy kisses him and tells him it'll be okay because he still has him. Steve nods and hugs Tommy again, Tommy tells him they'll deal with it tomorrow and Steve should sleep over. He falls asleep spooning the other boy, when he wakes up Steve is gone, he sighs and heads for phone to call up Carol.

The fourth time Tommy kisses Steve they're not friends anymore. Tommy is bitter, Steve chose Nancy over him and Carol, he chose her over him. So when he sees Steve leaving Tina's Halloween party in a rush with his head down he goes after him. Tommy corners him, pinning him against the front side of the house the two, concealed by the bushes in the front yard. Tommy eyes the other boy his anger dissipating. Steve's eyes are rimmed red from crying his face still wet from previous tears, the words of hurt Tommy had planned to say to the other boy being stuck to his tongue and not coming out so instead he kisses him. He kisses him hard wanting to kiss the pain and tears away, Steve pushes him away glaring at him.

"You can't keep doing this" Steve pushes past him and heads towards his car.

The last time Tommy kisses Steve, it's the first time he asks him. He's standing outside the Byers house, he had gone to Steve's house first his parents redirecting him here, he climbs up the porch stairs knocking before quickly stepping back from the porch and looking around at the cars parked around the house, he spots Steve's. The door open revealing Jonathan Byers.

"Hagan?" Jonathan's surprise quickly turned into a glare, "what do you want?"

Tommy nods, then tucking his hands into the front pockets of his jeans before answering.

"Is Steve here?"

Jonathan eyes him suspiciously his silent glare interrupted a voice from inside asking who was at the door, he doesn't say anything for a moment.

"It's for Steve!" he calls back eyes not leaving Tommy.

After a moment Steve head pops into the door frame looking from Jonathan to Tommy.

"Start the movie without me it won't take long"

Jonathan nods heading back inside, Steve steps out onto the porch closing the door behind him for privacy then going down the steps towards the freckled man in front of him.

"Tommy" he nods.

"Steve" Tommy clears his throat awkwardly, "didn't know you and Byers were close"

"What do you want" Steve crosses his arms.

Tommy sighs at the other man's bluntness.

"To talk, I just wanted to speak to you one last time before I go"

"Go?"

"I'm leaving Hawkins, dad got a new job out of state so I'm going with them and probably going to go to close by or just find a job haven't decided yet" he shrugs.

"Oh that's cool"

Another wave of awkward silence stretches over them.

"If that's all I-"

"I'm sorry" Tommy cuts Steve off suddenly making an eyebrow quirk up at his outburst of an apology, "I'm sorry for everything, I was such an asshole to everyone and especially to you and Carol. I was so bitter and I just, Steve I just wanted you to look at me and when you didn't I took my anger out on other people" Tommy steps closer to Steve his hands now untucked from his jean pockets. "You deserve so much more than what I gave you, quick and drunk kisses"

Tommy raises a hand cupping Steve's cheek then tucking an ear behind his ear with a finger, Steve doesn't move away he leans into the touch. Tommy's cold hand against his warm skin.

"Tommy"

"I know, I just love you you known, I've always loved you. I just wanted you to know that, I need you to know even though those kisses were rushed and drunk I did mean them even if you don't remember them as much as I do. Even when I hated you I couldn't stop loving you, Christ Steve I wished you loved me back"

Steve nods, leaning into the hand on his cheek tears gathering in his eyes as he looks at Tommy.

"Steve?"

"Yeah?"

"Can I have one more kiss before I go?"

Steve smiles sadly before nodding a yes. Tommy pulls him closer to him his other hand resting on the other boys hip, then kissing him. Tommy kisses him sweet and slow, it was different from all kisses they've shared, this kiss wasn't rushed or messy it was loving and new. Tommy kissed him with love. When they pull apart Tommy is crying.

"God I love you, goodbye Steve"

Tommy walks to his car and drives away he doesn't look back at Steve not even once.

End Notes

God I love longing, I might write another chapter from Steve's pov.

If this has spelling mistakes or sentences don't make sense I apologise.

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